GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PLANTATION OF TREES ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plan to plant trees beside the newly constructed 4-lane quadrilateral national highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the targets fixed alongwith funds allocated therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in order to plant trees beside the newly constructed Cuttack-Bhubaneshwar 4-lane National Highway in Orissa?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) Yes, Sir. Tree plantation on newly constructed 4-lanes National Highway sections in the country is part of the implementation process.

(b) The plantation of trees along National Highways are being done through the respective State Forest Departments and funds are allocated on case to case basis. The tree plantation would be taken up after completion of civil works of the projects and would be completed within 3 years period thereafter.

(c) Median plantation by Forest Department has been proposed, on newly constructed Cuttack-Bhubaneshwar section in Orissa.